

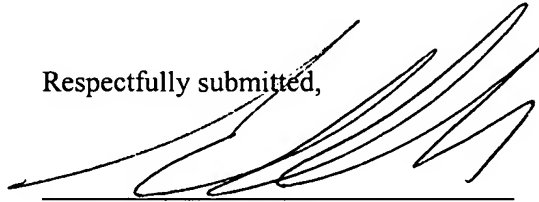
REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment is filed to make an additional amendment in the language of independent Claim 11 introduced in Applicants' Amendment mailed November 30, 2006. On review of the Amendment, it was noted that the solution of glycosaminoglycane, optionally containing an organic compound, was intended to be claimed as "consisting essentially of" (rather than "comprising") the recited components. The present supplemental amendment of Claim 11 is submitted to correct the transitional language of the claim.

As Applicants noted in their paper mailed November 30, 2006, the amended claims avoid the cited Cho et al. abstract, which mentions exposure of a carbohydrate solution admixed with a photocatalyst to UV radiation or electron beam radiation, by excluding the critical photocatalytic element required by Cho et al.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the supplemental amendment herein and withdrawal of all rejections in view of the remarks above and in the Amendment mailed November 30, 2006 are respectfully requested. Claims 11-16 as presented herein are believed to be now in allowable form.

Respectfully submitted,




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